

PROSPECTUS
for admission to
B.Sc. OPTOMETRY



susruta
School of Optometry

— AN EYE FOR EXCELLENCE —

Susruta School of Optometry & Visual Sciences

(A Unit of Kerala Vision Research Foundation)

Promoted by Giridhar Eye Institute

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Principal's Message

Greetings to you,

Eye care has been held in high regard from time immemorial. Today, with immense opportunities abound—in rural clinics to MNCs and government organisations—eye care is a profession esteemed for its scope. The fact that India currently needs 1,15,000 optometrists attests to an atmosphere conducive for eye care professionals to thrive. The path beneath an optometrist's feet is broadening day by day, as the alternative career options such as self-employment and teaching are as lucrative as practicing optometry.



However, at Susruta School of Optometry and Visual Sciences, teaching is not limited to preparing students as qualified professionals. Vision is arguably one of the greatest gifts of life. Caring for vision as its core responsibility, optometry is a noble vocation. Our optometry course is designed to mould students as socially responsible individuals, who also are successful in their profession.

To help our students assume the role of a professional committed to the society, extensive multidisciplinary exposure is provided in addition to a comprehensive curriculum. This includes hands-on training, participation in charity eye screening programmes and seminars, interaction with experts, etc. Extracurricular sports and arts activities are also encouraged to bring out the best in students.

I'm delighted to welcome you to Susruta School of Optometry and Visual Sciences to know more about the course or the college.

Thank you for considering us as your optometry school of choice.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'JP' with a flourish.

Jasmine P Charan
Principal

GENERAL INFORMATION

Introduction:

This prospectus is for the admission to the four-year undergraduate course in Optometry. The course is affiliated to Kerala University of Health Sciences and approved by the Government of Kerala. General information and rules regarding the admission to the course is given below. Candidates are required to go through the prospectus carefully and acquaint themselves with all the relevant information.



Susruta School of Optometry and Visual Sciences, Situated in Kochi, provides comprehensive clinical training in the science of vision. The college was started in the year 2015.

Giridhar Eye Institute, a tertiary eye care hospital in Kochi, with 26 years of experience is at the helm of Susruta School of Optometry and Visual Sciences. A unit of Kerala vision Research Foundation, the centre boasts unparalleled educational facilities, including hands-on training, ultramodern laboratories, high-end research wings, and an expansive medical library. Adding more value to its assets is the well-versed faculty who will provide insightful guidance to the students.

Facilities:

Laboratory: A sophisticated mechanical and optical lab with advanced facilities to learn and practice the craft of lens making is available for the students. The school also has a refraction room with an extensive range of eye-testing equipment and learning tools. A state-of-the-art physics lab with a wide host of instruments for experiments related to optics and light is also at students' disposal.



Library: The contemporary library at Susruta seamlessly combines the conventional and digital platforms of reading. A vast collection of books from the field of optometry and ophthalmology, including various journals and rare publications are accessible here. Located at a quiet corner, the library is an ideal spot for students and teachers to develop a reading habit.

Clinical Exposure at Giridhar Eye Institute: With over 500 patients attended per day at the outpatient department, the students are enriched with excellent exposure to the latest advances in surgery, treating methodology, and diagnostic equipment. They also benefit tremendously from patient interaction.



Specialty Clinics viz. Contact Lens, Low Vision Aid, Lasik, Squint: Thanks to the foremost technology and resources available at Giridhar Eye Institute, the students can gain firsthand experiences of treatments and skills like contact lens fitting, low vision correction, lasik treatments, squint correction, etc. pertaining to specialty departments. The students will also receive training par excellence in paediatric ophthalmology at Giridhar Eye Institute.

Co-Curricular Activities: In addition to academic lessons, various industrial and clinical talks, seminars, meetings and discussions are conducted at conference halls and smart classrooms regularly to keep students updated with the present-day developments and innovations in eye care sector.



EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMME

Course Offered: *B.Sc. Optometry*

About the Course: The course is conceived as a programme that enables students as professionals capable of shouldering the clinical and diagnostic responsibilities pertaining to ophthalmology and optometry. Hence, the programme is centered on practical knowledge and skills rather than theoretical education. Our faculty, consisting of well-versed ophthalmologists and optometrists, offers comprehensive clinical training in subjects such as refraction, squint evaluation, prescribing and dispensing eye equipment, etc.

Duration of the Course: B.Sc. Optometry is a 4-year Programme that includes three year of academic training, Approximately 250 working days in a year with a minimum of 6 hrs/day ie; 1450 working hrs/year. After 3rd year, students have to do a compulsory rotational internship in various specialist department for 12 months.

Subjects included are as follows

1 st Year	General Anatomy & Physiology, Ocular anatomy & Physiology, Physical and Geometrical Optics , Chemistry, Mathematics, and English
2 nd Year	Optometric Optics, Clinical Examination, Visual Optics, Nutrition, Biochemistry, Microbiology, Pathology, Pharmacology, Practicals & Postings
3 rd Year	Systemic Diseases, Eye Diseases, Dispensing Optics, Mechanical Optics, Contact Lens, Low Vision, Binocular Vision and Squint, Community Optometry, Projects, Practical & Postings.
4 th Year	Internship, Clinics and Projects.

On completion of the academic training, the students will receive hands-on training at Giridhar Eye Institute. GEI boasts the most sophisticated patient care, education and research facilities. The institute focuses on making eye health a priority, be in the vanguard of progress in the field of vision care through research, improving the availability of eye care to the needy, and training future generations to follow our footsteps through a cutting-edge curriculum.



Glaucoma Week 2019



SSO Students attending CME



White Coat Ceremony



Womens Day



College trip & Students making as proud by wining KUHS Table Tennis Championship



ADMISSION PROCESS

Eligibility Criteria

For admission to the course, the applicant should successfully complete H.S.C/+2 or any equivalent examination and have a minimum aggregate of 50% marks in Physics, Chemistry, Biology and English conducted by Kerala University or any other equivalent examination recognized by the University.

Candidate should attain the academic eligibility on or before the last date specified for the submission of academic data.

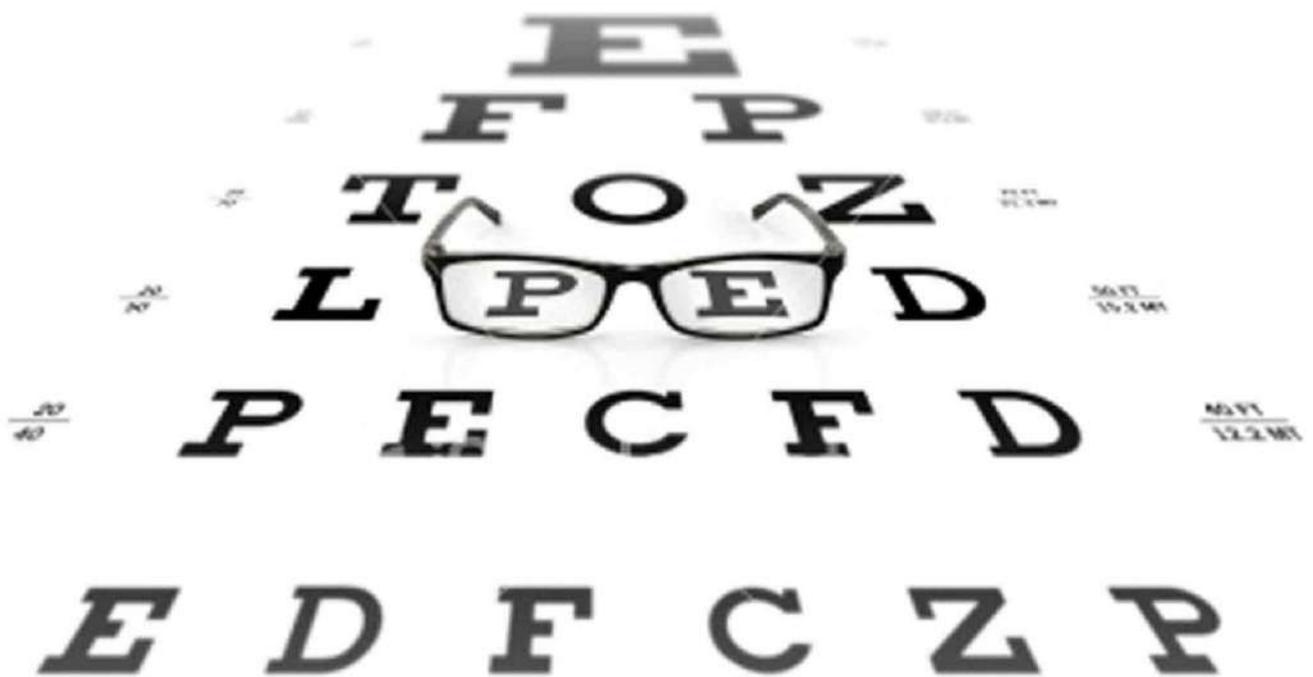
Age:

Applicant should be 17 years old or above to be eligible for admission. No relaxation in the minimum age will be allowed.

Application Procedure:

Those who meet the above mentioned criteria can obtain the application form from Online through our website www.susruta.edu.in

Cost of the application form and the prospectus is Rs.1050/- (non - refundable)



Fee Refund

Rules / Order regarding fee refund and liquidated damages occurred will be obtained as the per the norms by Govt / LBS. Refer Fee refund policy, Govt. It shall be in accordance with the judgement / decree passed by the competent civil court.

Rules & Regulations

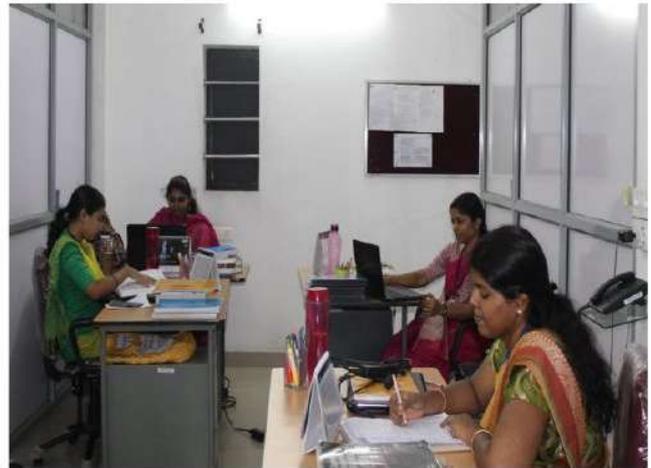
All students admitted to the institute will be governed by the rules and regulations that are prescribed from time to time.

College Timing: The working hours of college are from 9:00 am to 4.00 pm. However during the final year, as the students are posted in different specialty clinics and outpatient procedures, the timing will depend on the clinical schedule. Punctuality and attendance will be evaluated. A minimum of 80% attendance in each subject and more than 50% marks in internal examination is essential to qualify for every year university examinations

College Activities: All students must participate in hospital/college seminar, various health educational programmes, other educational activities, intercollegiate competitions, etc. Parents must note that the students should be encouraged to participate in such events to improve their practical outputs.

Identity Card: Each student will be given an identity card, which they are supposed to wear on the campus. Students will not be allowed to enter the hospital premises without the identity card.

Extra classes /Guest Lectures: Giridhar Eye Institute organises lectures and discourses on a variety of topics. Students should also attend these sessions.



Library: The rules and regulations of library should be strictly followed, failing which fine will be imposed by the librarian against the damages

Instruments: All students must compulsorily possess a Retinoscope before the first semester of the second year and carry them throughout during hospital & clinical postings/practicals. Every student must also possess a pen torch, IPD ruler, occluder etc as prescribed for required subject/Faculties

Log Book: Students are expected to maintain a log book with relevant details for all the practical and clinical sessions they attend. The log book should be submitted whenever asked for and before the examinations.

Dress Code: Since the students are supposed to work in a professional clinical setting, they are expected to follow a formal dress code / Uniform

Aprons are mandatory to clinics from 2nd year onwards

Hostel & Food Facility: Food and accommodation will be provided at extra charges.

The food served will be strictly vegetarian.



Leave: Students must obtain prior permission from college authorities for their leave of absence, Strict disciplinary action will be taken against those students who fail in abiding by this rule. Medical certificate from a registered medical practitioner should be produced in case of absence for more than 1 day. A minimum attendance of 80% is required to qualify for university examinations

Sunday Camps/OPD: The students are trained to perform community vision screening/eye care awareness activities through various scheduled programmes. Students assigned for such activities will not be granted leave.

Holidays: Allotted holidays will be specified in the institution's calendar. The Principal holds the discretion to declare holiday on any other circumstances. The students are requested to contact the office for further information.

One week holiday each during Onam and Christmas, 1 month vacation in May are the extended holidays **or as decided by the Management.**

Anti-Ragging: The institute has formulated strict anti-ragging guidelines and all students are required to sign an undertaking to abide by these guidelines. Students who are found violating these guidelines are liable to disciplinary action, including expulsion from the institute and lodging of a criminal case against them as per the directive from the hon'ble Supreme Court of India.

Any damage caused to school/hospital assets shall be recovered from the caution deposit and strict action will be taken by the Management.

CHECK LIST FOR ENCLOSURES DURING COUNSELLING & ADMISSION

3 copies of each certificates should be attested by a Gazetted officer, original certificates along with attested copies of the following documents should be submitted at the time of admission & counselling

1. Copy of Certificate to prove date of birth
2. Mark list of 10th Std
3. Mark list of 12th Std
4. Certificate in proof of nativity
True copy of relevant page of Secondary School Leaving Certificate showing the place of birth in Kerala *OR*
True copy of the relevant page of the passport of the candidate *OR*
A certificate of birth from the authority competent to register birth *OR*
A certificate from the Village Officer/Tahsildar
5. Original Transfer Certificate
6. Copy of Community Certificate
7. Copy of Income Certificate in the prescribed format
8. Migration Certificate for other State's candidate
9. Medical Certificate for fitness
10. Passport-size photographs – 5 Nos.
11. Copy of Aadhar Card
12. NRI Quota
 - Sponsorship Certificate on Stamp Paper Rs. 200/- duly attested by Notary
 - Attested copy of the Passport of the Sponsor
 - The attested copy of the relevant page of the passport where employment visa is stamped and if it is not submitted the employment certificate duly attested by the Indian Embassy or Consulate
 - Relationship certificate from the Village officer

Note:

- i. Late or defective applications will not be considered under any circumstances.
- ii. Certificates without the signature of the issuing authority or that are incomplete will be treated as defective and such certificates will not be considered for granting any claim.



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